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UDOT will begin environmental studies at the intersection, which is surrounded by fields and wetlands near the Middle Fork of the Provo River. The funding is not technically available until 2003, but UDOT will spend \$200,000 this summer improving the intersection and installing a traffic light.

rectly to Heber. Numerous accidents have occurred at the intersection of the rural road and the four-lane highway.

Last fall, federal transportation officials announced \$15 million was available for final Utah Olympic transportation projects. UDOT said the highway project was over budget by \$200,000. Wasatch County Olympic Coordinator Bob Mathis notified Wasatch County Commissioners that UDOT revealed there is a shortage of \$6 million to fund all the requests of the Olympic Transportation Budget. This budget does not include road improvements, such as 2400 South and Midway's 250 West leading to the venue, that were added to the list of requests.

Last summer, Wasatch Sheriff's Deputy Ken Van Wagoner wrote a letter to SLOC signed by Commissioner Mike Kohler, Heber Mayor Lynn Adams, Midway Mayor Gene Owens, Charleston Mayor John Whiting, Sheriff Mike Spanos and Chief of Police Ed Rhoades prioritizing roads and intersections for safety.

About 520 athletes, 1,300 volunteers and 20,000 spectators are expected to visit the Olympic venue daily during next February's events.

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the victim fell through a thin layer of ice and drowned.

Shane Rasmussen was discovered by the Wasatch County Sheriff's office underwater camera at 5:30 p.m., two hours after family called to report the man was missing and perhaps suicidal. Friends of Rasmussen told police he had attempted suicide one day earlier at Squaw Peak, up the mouth of Provo Canyon in Utah County.

The body was found under the ice in roughly 8 feet of water just a few feet from the entry hole, according to Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos.

While still mostly frozen over, Deer Creek's shoreline is covered only with intermittent ice 3 to 4 inches in depth.

Spanos said while officially a drowning, the incident clearly looks like suicide.

"It's hard to say with it being unintended, but I'm sure he wasn't out on that ice just to get his feet cold," Spanos said.

In accordance with state procedure, the body was transported to the medical examiner for an autopsy.

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## CLM

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The bankruptcy likely dooms the chances for County Commissioner Ralph Duke who filed a \$1 million

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suit in 4th District Court before any other CLM clients took action. Had the litigation continued over CLM without the Chapter 7, Duke stood to see a sizable portion of the liquidation. Duke did not return the *Courier's* calls.

"The first to the trough gets fed," Birch added. "That's pretty basic Heber knowledge."

Now the 50 plus creditors of CLM will have an equal chance of collecting the monies, which total \$6.5 million. Birch warned however, the process could involve "non-dischargability" action and at the very least, take a long time.

"I can't imagine anybody will expect to see anything this year," Birch said. "As a practical matter, maybe two years."

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City and along the east side of Highway 40, will soon begin  
its public review process. Public input will help make a bet-  
ter plan that will work for our community.

Comments and questions are welcome.

Contact Wasatch County Planning Dept.  
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